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> Fortine Ranger District Murphy Lake Ranger Station 12797 Highway 93 Fortine, Mt 59918 Phone: 406-882-4451

Other Information Sources: Forest Supervisor's Office 31374 US Highway 2 Libby, Mt 59923-3022

Phone: 406-293-6211 www.fs.usda.gov/kootenai/

Rexford Ranger District Eureka Ranger Station 949 Highway 93 Eureka, Mt 59917 406-296-2536

Three Rivers Ranger District Troy Ranger Station 12858 US Highway 2 Troy, Mt 59935 Phone: 406-295-4693

Libby Ranger District Canoe Gulch Ranger Station 12557 Highway 37 Libby, Mt 59923 Phone: 406-293-7773

Cabinet Ranger Station 2693 Highway 200 Trout Creek, Mt 59874 Phone: 406-827-3533

### **PURPOSE AND CONTENTS** OF THIS MAP

The designations shown on this motor vehicle use map (MVUM) were made by the responsible official pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51; are effective as of the date on the front cover of this MVUM; and will remain in effect until superceded by next year's MVUM.

Forest Supervisor, Kootenai National Forest It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current MVUM. This MVUM shows the National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and the areas on National Forest System lands in the FORTINE RANGER DISTRICT that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. This MVUM also identifies the vehicle classes allowed on each route and in each area; and any seasonal restrictions that apply on those routes and in those areas.

Designation of a road, trail, or area for motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle under 36 CFR 212.51 should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use or implying that the road, trail, or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Motor vehicle designations include parking along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System resources. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated roads and trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. Many designated roads and trails may be passable only by high-clearance vehicles or four-wheel-drive vehicles. Maintenance of designated roads and trails will depend on available resources, and

many may receive little maintenance. This motor vehicle use map identifies those roads, trails, and areas designated for the motor vehicle use under 36 CFR 212.51 for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13. This is a limited purpose. The other public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only and are not subject to designation under the Forest Service travel management regulation.

These designations apply only to National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands.

# Legend

Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Seasonal Designation (See Table)

Dispersed Camping Left Side Dispersed Camping Right Side

Dispersed Camping Both Sides

Forest or Unit Boundary

Township and Range Lines Section Lines

Cabinet Ranger District

## - Highways, US, State Other Public Roads Short Route Identifier Milepost Marker ▲ FS Campground Picnic Area

National Forest System Lands Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest Political Boundary

Lakes and Rivers

# **EXPLANATION OF LEGEND**

### **PROHIBITIONS**

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the **KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST other than in** accordance with these designations (CFR 261.13)

Violators of 36 CFR 261.13 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000, imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

This map does not display nonmotorized uses, oversnow uses, or other facilities and attractions on the KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST. Obtain forest visitor information from the local national forest office.

Designated roads, trails and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures. As a visitor, you must comply with signs notifying you of such restrictions. A national forest may issue an order to close a road, trail or area on a temporary basis to protect the life, health, or safety of forest visitors or the natural or cultural resources in these areas. Such a temporary and/or emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52 (b), 36 CFR 261 subpart B).

The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede State traffic law.

# **ITEMS**

Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only:

These roads are open only to motor vehicles licensed under State law for general operation on all public roads within the

Seasonal Designation:

This symbol, used in conjunction with one of the other road or trail symbols, indicates that the road or trail is open only during certain portions of the year. Refer to Seasonal and Special Designation Table for further instructions.

Dispersed Camping Dispersed Camping Both Sides Dispersed Camping Left Side Dispersed Camping Right Side This symbol is used along with a designated road or trail to indicate limited cross-country motor vehicle use within a specific distance of that route, solely for the purpose

indicate where this activity is permitted. They may be on the left, right, or both sides of the route.

of dispersed camping.

Other Public Roads -----Highways, U.S., State

—Other Public Roads These symbols are used to show routes the Forest Service does not have jurisdiction over and has not designated for motorized use. These symbols are part of the reference layers showing connections to towns and cities outside the forest

boundary. Short Route Identifier:

but not the symbology.

This symbol is used for roads that are too short to show a symbol type on the map. The symbol contains the number of the road or trail. Users should refer to the corresponding number in the Short Route Table for designation information.

Milepost Marker: This symbol is used to display the beginning and ending mileposts of a road that has a change in the designation

#### **BLANKET STATEMENT FOR** TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

DISPERSED CAMPING

Campsite selection must be completed by nonmotorized means, and then accessed by the most direct route (no more than 300 feet) without causing resource damage. (CFR 261.15)

dispersed camping spots. (CFR 261.15) Moving, going around, going over, or going past barriers on roads (i.e., gates, rocks berms,

Cutting, damaging or harming (such as driving

over) trees or vegetation is not allowed to access

signs, ect.) is not allowed. (CFRs 261.12) In all developed recreation sites, such as Developed campgrounds, picnic sites, trailheads, boat launches, ect., motor vehicles access is restricted to designated

roads and parking sites only. Access off

these roads is not allowed to access

dispersed campsites. (CFR 261.16) Motor vehicles may be parked within one vehicle length from the edge of the road surface when it is safe to do so without causing damage to NFS resources of facilities, unless prohibited by state

CAMPGROUNDS All roads within Little Therriault, Big Therriault, Rock Lake and Grave Creek campgrounds are open to highway legal vehicles from

1/1 - 12/31.

law, a traffic sign, or an order (36 CFR 261.54).

### **OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must you know and follow all applicable traffic laws, you need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. As a motor vehicle operator, you are also subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially off-highway vehicle use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features, such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote driving conditions. By your participation, you voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Take care at all times to protect yourself and those under your responsibility.

Much of the KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the KOOTENAI

NATIONAL FOREST for clarification. As a motor vehicle operator on a National Forest System road, trail, or area you must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is your

responsibility.

Travel and recreate with minimum impact. Respect the environment and the rights of others. Educate yourself plan and prepare before you go. Allow for future use of the outdoors by leaving it better than you found it.

Discover the rewards of responsible recreation. For more information on Tread Lightly!, go to www.treadlightly.org or call 1-800-966-9900.





